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TODAY and TOMORROW

The New Cabinet

PREMIER General Kuniaki Koiso and members of his Ministry have resigned and the new Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki is organising a new Cabinet. To the Nippon people, the Cabinet is only an instrument to carry out the will and policy of the Emperor which is the will and policy of the entire nation. In other countries, cabinet changes are the result of changes in the fortunes of different political parties and a change in the cabinet generally means a change in the policy of the government. Not so in Nippon.

In Nippon, the Cabinet does not decide the National policy. The Cabinet is only an instrument for effectively carrying out the National policy and every change in the Cabinet or the administration is made only for the purpose of more effectively carrying out the National policy.

The resignation of the Koiso Cabinet is a logical sequence of greater and greater co-operation between the people and the administration and between the administration and the Nippon fighting forces. In Nippon there is only one political party consisting of the entire population. Only a few days ago the people's co-operation with the administration was increased and strengthened by the formation of the new Political Association.

That every administrative change in Nippon is only a step towards further strengthening the National policy is clearly seen from the fact that the president of the former Imperial Rule Assistance Association was one of the chief sponsors of the new Political Association. In the same way, the coming of a new Premier or Cabinet means only greater strength for the administration. When General Koiso took General Tojo's place, the administration did not lose in strength—it did not even lose General Tojo. Every new cabinet in Nippon has the support of all former premiers and ministers—and also of the entire population. In this respect Nippon is a unique nation.

As the war situation has reached a critical stage, the Nippon nation decided that new and stronger leadership was necessary. There was no long delay in finding a worthy successor to Koiso. The resignation of Koiso Cabinet was not a sudden accident. It was a necessary incident in the nation's progress—in the progress of the intensification of Nippon's war effort.

The Military situation is grave, says the Board of Information Communique. But the Nippon Nation is all the more determined to intensify their war effort and to fight on till final victory is achieved. In the present critical stage of the war, the choice of such a veteran leader as Admiral Suzuki—veteran in war and in statesmanship—is a right step on the part of the nation. It is bound to hasten Nippon's final victory.

INDIA GOVT. TACKLED IN ASSEMBLY

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No Satisfactory Replies Forthcoming On Failing Health Of Congressmen

The health of the members of the Congress Working Committee who are still under detention continues to deteriorate as a result of the rigours of prison life, states a report from New Delhi. Grave anxiety is felt by Indians all over the country on account of the bad state of health of many of their revered leaders who are still rotting behind the prison bars.

In the Central Indian Assembly on Thursday, a number of questions were asked concerning the state of health of the members of the Congress Working Committee who are still under detention. The Officiating Home Secretary, however, failed to give a satisfactory answer to any of these questions. When asked about Sardar Patel and Acharya Narendra Deo, the Home Secretary said that both had attacks of influenza last month. Questioned about the other members of the Congress Working Committee, the Home Secretary very vaguely replied that there has been no important change in the state of their health. He added that Mr. Asaf Ali was being transferred to Gurzapur jail because there was no jail in Delhi for political prisoners.

Russia Abrogates Pact Of Neutrality With Nippon

Moscow, April 5 (Domei)—The Moscow Radio tonight announced that the Soviet Government has formally notified Nippon of its intention to abrogate the Soviet-Nippon Neutrality Pact, concluded on April 13, 1941, on the grounds that International developments which have arisen since the conclusion of the treaty have made it lose its meaning and its continuance impossible.

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—The Soviet Government has formally notified the Nipponese Government that the present Soviet-Nipponese Neutrality Pact will not be extended following its expiration in April next year, a Spokesman of the Foreign Office revealed this afternoon.

Nipponese Ambassador in Moscow Naotake Sato, it was revealed, on Thursday afternoon called on Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov in response to the latter's request and received a formal communication of the Soviet Union's intention to abrogate the Neutrality Pact.

Nippon-Soviet Friendship To Remain Intact

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Denunciation Of Pact Of Neutrality Held Not Significant

Soviet Russia has notified her intention to denounce her Neutrality Pact with Nippon. According to the terms of the agreement, the Pact will expire by April of next year.

This was disclosed by Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday.

Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that the main reason why Soviet Russia had arrived at this decision would appear to be that Germany, which is Nippon's ally, and the United States of America, which is Russia's ally, are belligerents fighting with each other and, therefore, this treaty is no longer of any significance.

As the termination of the Pact has been anticipated, it has not come as a surprise to us, added the Chief Spokesman, pointing out that just because this Neutrality Pact is denounced it does not mean that Nippon and Soviet Russia will come immediately into a state of war. But if Russia was instigated to enter into war against Nippon before the expiry of the Pact she would be violating the International Law.

"I believe that both Nippon and Russia have no intention of coming into direct clash at the present moment," went on the Chief Spokesman.

"The fact that in Manchoukuo there is a Nippon force of one million first line troops and that they have not been withdrawn, will be a big factor in maintaining normal relationship between the two countries," remarked Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Enemy Will Have Bitter Lessons In Okinawa War, Says Lt.Col.Nakajima

"In spite of the fact that the enemy has landed 100,000 troops on Okinawa Island and is reported to have massed 1,400 vessels of which 200 have already been sunk. I am fully convinced that when the main fighting starts on the island in the near future the war results will steadily grow larger and larger and we will inflict heavy losses on the enemy."

Thus declared Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, reviewing the war situation in the Pacific theatre, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday.

"I can assure you that this landing of troops is also in accordance with our anticipation and that the enemy has not taken us by surprise," went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima, adding that "in the near future this will become clear to you." The enemy reports that he has massed 1,400 vessels but this figure includes a large number of aircraft-

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NEW CABINET FORMATION MAKING SPEEDY PROGRESS; LIST TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

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Fundamental Policies Won't Be Changed By Cabinet Resignation

Pointing out that the resignation of Koiso Cabinet envisaged no change either in the national policy of Nippon or the war policy, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, speaking at the weekly Press Conference here, yesterday, declared that the change in the Government was not due to any setback in the progress of the war but that it was undertaken in order to establish a more powerful Government for the prosecution of the war.

Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that in Nippon "there is one consistent national policy under TENNO HEIKA and a change in the Premiership or Cabinet personnel does not alter that policy. Moreover the position of the Nippon Premier and that of the United States President is of a different nature and, therefore, we can conclude that notwithstanding the change of the Cabinet, the policy of the Government remains the same.

"That foreign countries used to make all sorts of propaganda concerning a change in Nippon Government, is because of the fact that they did not really understand the nature of the structure of Nippon State. The present change in the Government is not due to any setback in the progress of the war but it is undertaken in order to make the Government more powerful for the prosecution of the war," declared the Chief Spokesman.

Premier Designate Gets Busy In Interviewing Nation's Leaders

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—Indications are that the formation of a new Cabinet by Premier-Designate Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki is making speedy progress and the list of the Cabinet members may be ready for presentation to the Throne within today.

Following the receipt of the mandate to form a new Government, Baron Suzuki established his Cabinet-forming headquarters at his residence.

The first visitor to appear at the Headquarters this morning was Admiral Keisuke Okada, former Premier and one of the Senior Statesmen, who called at 8 a.m.

Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Chief of the Naval General Staff, paid a visit to the Headquarters approximately an hour and a half later, and Suzuki left his residence at 9.40 o'clock to see Field-Marshal Gen Sugiyama.

The Cabinet-forming headquarters revealed that other visitors calling on Admiral Suzuki during the morning hours today included General Korechika Anami, Director-General of the Army Aviation Headquarters, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, former Navy Minister, and Viscount Tadashiro Inouye, former President of the Board of Technology.

Fierce Attacks On Enemy In Okinawa Continuing

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—In spite of continuous enemy reinforcements, Nippon defenders of Okinawa are checking the invaders by carrying on fierce counter-attacks.

On the western coast Nippon forces repulsed enemy troops who had infiltrated into Hill 85. Along the eastern coast an enemy force reached Kuba on the afternoon of April 3 and by yesterday afternoon advanced toward Ougi, six kilometres south-west of Kuba, with about 5,000 infantrymen supported by 200 tanks.

Moreover, some 30 enemy warcraft, consisting of about ten battleships and cruisers as the mainstay, began mine sweeping operations within Nachigusugu Bay and simultaneously bombarded Nippon positions there in support of the southward push of the American ground forces.

Meanwhile, enemy forces advancing along the central route attacked Ganiku village yesterday morning with a considerable number of troops supported by tanks. However, Nippon defenders in this sector are checking the enemy's advance by carrying on relentless assaults.

Posthumous Promotion For Hero Of Iwoojima

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—The War Ministry today announced that Lieut.-General Tadamichi Kuribayashi, Supreme Commander of Nippon forces on Iwoojima who died a heroic death in defence of the island, has been posthumously promoted to the rank of full General.

Soviet Activity In Latin America Angers Yankees

Lisbon, April 5 (Domei)—Basing its remarks on the revelation made by a Spanish journalist in the United States, the influential "New York Times" recently criticized the intensified Soviet campaign to disseminate Communist propaganda in the South American countries, according to a New York dispatch. The journal said that Soviet agents were using Havana, Cuba, as their headquarters to spread Communism into the Latin American countries.

The "New York Times" article assumes added significance when considered with the latest report that the Soviet Union has resumed normal diplomatic relations with Brazil for the first time since the Russian Revolution of 1917.

Patrick Hurley In London En-Route To Chungking

Lisbon, April 4 (Domei)—Major-General Patrick Hurley, American Ambassador to Chungking, arrived in London today on his return journey to Chungking from Washington, where he held important consultations with American authorities, according to a London dispatch.

Enemy Will Learn Bitter Lessons In Okinawa War

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carriers and battleships, and at the same time small landing barges are also included in this figure."

The fact that the enemy has given such a large figure shows that he is aiming at numerically superior strength. But what we are aiming at is not small ships but large ships fully laden with enemy troops. No matter how many small vessels they may have—that is not worth our concern; stated the Chief Spokesman.

The fact that out of this number, 200 large war vessels had been sunk or crippled must be a terrible blow to the Americans, went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

In addition to inflicting heavy losses on the enemy when the main fighting starts in the near future, "I am sure a new Nippon strategy will be employed and the enemy will have a bitter taste of it," added the Chief Spokesman.

Referring to the American shipping problem, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that even if they decide to bring all their vessels from the European sector they would require strong task forces to escort them. In any case these vessels would not be of much use as they are obsolete.

He did not think, said Lt.-Col. Nakajima, America had a large surplus in warships. They would, therefore, have to ask the aid of the British Fleet in order to mass their full might in the vicinity of Okinawa. Whatever that might be, he firmly believed and was quite convinced that the opportunity for Nippon to win on land and at sea would well emerge from the Okinawa operations.

No Great Change In War Situation Seen On W. Front

Berlin, April 5 (Domei)—Anglo-American tank spearheads appeared to be encountering stiffer German opposition in their thrusts inside Germany, as the German High Command today revealed that no great change has taken place on the Western Front during the past 24 hours.

In the area of Winterberg and Brilon, approximately 70 kilometres west of Kassel, enemy troops yesterday were said to have maintained pressure but to have been repulsed by counter-attacks in most sectors.

South-east of Kassel in the Thuringian sector, the Germans, the communique said, are holding up mobile pincer moves of the American forces, with the garrisons at Eisenach and Meinengen blocking the highways running through those areas.

Fierce fighting was reported to be in progress in Wuerzburg, south-west of the Thuringian sector, and a Trans-Ocean dispatch said that the American troops which entered the outskirts of the town were thrown out by German counter-thrusts.

North of Osnabrueck and between the Teutoburger Forest and Siebengebirge, in the sector west of Hanover, enemy forces gained some ground, the German High Command said, adding, however, that they were forced to pay dearly for every advance.

At the eastern extremity of the Western Front, grim street fighting has broken out in Karlsruhe and German fighters and combat planes were said to be bombing and strafing enemy troops and supply movements.

Eastern Front

On the Soviet-German front, heavy fighting, the German High Command said, is now in progress on the western accesses to the Little Carpathians and on both sides of the Waag River. Owing to heavy losses, Soviet troops yesterday failed to continue their break-through attempts in the Schwarzwasser-Jaegerndorf sector.

A German military spokesman, commenting on the fighting in the Austro-Hungarian front, said that German bolt positions south of Vienna have resisted all Soviet attacks. He said that the Russians have begun to bring added pressure at Baden, 25 kilometres south of Vienna, with the apparent object to effect a break-through toward St. Poelten, 60 kilometres west of Vienna.

The German High Command, meantime, revealed that German fighters and flak accounted for 1,295 Soviet planes over the Eastern Front during the month, with an additional 163 being downed by German army units, while 725 Anglo-American tanks, self-propelled guns and armoured patrol cars were destroyed or captured on the Western Front during the same period.

Fishermen Entertained Here At Dai Toa Gekijo

Syonan, April 6 (Domei)—Under the auspices of the Malai Marine Products Association, hundreds of fishermen and others connected with the fisheries industry were entertained to a stage and film show at the Dai Toa Gekijo last night, in appreciation of services rendered in the past.

Before the start of the evening's entertainment, a number of members of the Association who had rendered meritorious services were awarded Certificates of Merit by the authorities, while prayers were also offered for those fishermen who sacrificed their lives in the course of their duties.

Full & Unstinted Support Assured To New Cabinet

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—The news that Admiral Kantaro Suzuki, President of the Privy Council, has received an Imperial command to form a new Cabinet was most warmly welcomed by influential political circles here today.

All Metropolitan papers reflecting the favourable reaction in political quarters voiced enthusiastic support for Admiral Suzuki in his effort to form a strong Cabinet.

Well-informed political circles unanimously expressed the belief that Admiral Suzuki will succeed in forming a wartime Cabinet strong enough to cope with the present crisis with which the nation is now confronted. It was pointed out in these circles that Admiral Suzuki is one of the veteran leaders of the nation's political circles as well as one of the top-ranking senior officers of our Navy.

Metropolitan papers were also unanimous in voicing the hope that Admiral Suzuki will form an able and strong wartime Cabinet to lead the nation through the current crisis.

The Asahi Shimbun said that the current situation confronting the nation demands drastic measures for effecting the closest co-ordination between the Supreme Command and Government and expressed confidence that the new Cabinet to be formed by Admiral Suzuki will be able to settle this important question, thereby leading the nation to ultimate victory.

The Yomiuri-Hochi Shimbun stated that despite his advanced age of 79, Admiral Suzuki is still hale and hearty. It added that while he is a typical Navy man, Admiral Suzuki is known for his fine personality, worthy of the nation's wholehearted support as the man to take the helm of State affairs at this moment of gravest national crisis. His nomination as our new Prime Minister to shoulder the heaviest responsibility in wartime administration has our enthusiastic support, on which he can rely in his effort to form a strong wartime Cabinet.

Women's & Children's Rallies Tomorrow And On Monday, 9th April

In connection with the celebration of the "National Liberation Week" which commenced yesterday here the main item in the programme for tomorrow is a mass meeting of Indian women which will be held under the auspices of the I.I.L., Syonan Branch at the Branch premises in Waterloo Street at 6 p.m.

On Monday, 9th April, there will be a children's rally at the Padang opposite the I.I.L., Syonan Branch, in the evening at 6 o'clock.

Abrogation Of Nippon-Soviet Pact Foreseen

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—The Nippon Government regardless of the existence or non-existence of the Neutrality Pact intends to continue its effort for the maintenance of neutrality with the Soviet Union, Foreign Office circles indicated here this afternoon.

The Soviet Government formally notified the Nippon Government yesterday that the present Soviet-Nippon Neutrality Pact will not be extended following its expiration in April next year. Commenting on the Soviet Government's decision Foreign Office quarters recalled that the Soviet Union last March denounced, on the ground of changes in the European situation, its Neutrality Pact with Turkey which had been in force since 1925.

In view of Moscow's decision vis-a-vis Russo-Turkish Pact of Neutrality, they said the present step taken by the Soviet Government regarding its Neutrality Pact with Nippon was not unanticipated on the part of the Nippon Government. These same quarters believed that the Soviet Government had come to the present decision as a result of rapid developments in the Soviet-German war which apparently led Soviet authorities to conclude that the necessity of maintaining the Soviet-Nippon Neutrality Pact ceased to exist any longer.

Foreign Office circles pointed out that the maintenance of neutrality between Nippon and the Soviet Union has contributed in no small measure not only to peace and stability of the East Asiatic situation but also to the welfare of all peoples in the world who are engrossed in the greatest turmoil in human history. This particular point is being fully appreciated by the Nippon Government, according to these circles. Therefore, they stressed, the Nippon Government is as fully prepared as ever to make the greatest possible efforts for the maintenance of neutrality with the Soviet Union.

At the same time, however, these circles pointed out, the Nippon Government is fully aware of unforeseen developments and changes that may take place in the world situation in the future. Under the present circumstances of the international situation, particularly in view of the gravest crisis with which the Nippon nation is now confronted, these quarters declared, it goes without saying that the Nippon Government is in full preparedness and readiness to respond to and cope with any and all situations that may arise in the future.

Nippon Air Units Launch Offensive On Task Force

A Nippon Base in the South-Western Islands, April 7 (Domei)—Nippon air units yesterday started a fierce offensive against the enemy fleet and task force operating around the main island of Okinawa.

A crushing blow is being dealt a number of enemy warships, including battleships and cruisers, in waters around the island, while the enemy task force has already lost three aircraft-carriers sunk or damaged and is now in a state of utter confusion.

The attack is still continuing.

Syrian Cabinet Resigns New Go Being Formed

Lisbon, April 5 (Domei)—The Syrian Cabinet headed by Premier Fayez el Khourey has resigned and it is believed that Minister of Interior Luthi Haafar or Foreign Minister Jamil Mardam Bay will be asked to form a new Government, according to a Reuter dispatch from Beirut today. No reason was given for the resignation.

Yugoslav Leaders Arrive In Moscow For Conference

Lisbon, April 5 (Domei)—The growing Soviet influence in the Balkans and Central Europe was further manifested today in a Reuter dispatch from Moscow reporting that Yugoslav Premier Marshal Joseph Tito and Foreign Minister Dr. Ivan Subasic have arrived in Moscow by air this afternoon from Belgrade.

The leaders of the recently reorganized Yugoslav Government are expected to hold important consultations with high Soviet Government officials, including Soviet Premier Marshal Josef Stalin with the object to further cement Soviet-Yugoslav relations.

It will be recalled that Dr. Eduoard Benes, Premier of the Exiled Czechoslovak Government, and other high-ranking Czechoslovak officials, recently arrived in Moscow in order to obtain Soviet support in the return of the Czechoslovak Regime to Czechoslovak soil.

Nippon-Annamese Full Co-operation Reported

Hanoi, April 4 (Domei)—Perfect co-operation between Nippon forces and the local inhabitants of French Indo-China is bringing about excellent results in all forms of activities. An outstanding instance of such co-operation was the case of Annamese soldiers of the F.I.C. army at Chapa who bluntly refused to take up arms with the French army, and remained to welcome Nippon forces.

Other instances are that the Peace Preservation Corps at Laokay and other places continued to carry out their duties of maintaining public peace and order under Nippon supervision. Still another feature of the close co-operation between Nippon forces and the Annamese is the fact that a section of the Yunnan railway running between Viettri and Laokay was recently opened to traffic through the efforts of the local inhabitants themselves.

Ammunition Dump Set Ablaze In Zamboanga

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, April 4 (Domei)—In a surprise raid carried out early on the morning of April 2 against enemy ground forces in the Zamboanga sector, our air units set ablaze one enemy aircraft and blasted an ammunition dump.

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